

August 1, 2008

Mr. Robert White
USDA Rural Development
5975 Lakeside Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46278-1996

Re: Marshall County Community Resource Center, Inc. loan application

Dear Mr. White:

As Congressman from the Second District, I am interested in the quality of life for all of our citizens. I support the creation of the Marshall County Community Resource Center which will accommodate ten or more human services agencies providing for the needs of Marshall County residents. The proposed Center will maximize the efficiency and convenience of the agencies that will occupy the building by cutting costs through shared public areas and equipment and eliminating duplication of effort and service.

As a member of the Congressional Agriculture Committee, I am well aware of the difficulties facing our rural communities, especially in the availability of convenient and quality human services. I have been impressed by the efforts of Marshall County to develop this important community asset. The planning group and Board of Directors have actively sought grant money and donations. Obtaining the USDA Rural Development low-interest fixed rate loan would make their vision a reality.

I respectfully request that you grant every consideration consistent with U.S. law and public policy to the loan application of Community Resource Center, Inc. Questions and announcements can be directed to my Grants Director at elizabeth.barrett@mail.house.gov or at 574.288.2780. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Donnelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" being more prominent and the last name "Donnelly" following in a similar style.

Congressman Joe Donnelly